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# **Iowa Finance Authority Awards nearly \$825,000 in Grants for Homelessness Services in Iowa**

## ***Seventy-nine Iowa counties to benefit from homeless services assistance***

DES MOINES – The Iowa Finance Authority Board of Directors recently awarded \$824,655 in grants to twenty-five organizations to assist homeless and domestic violence shelters with costs associated with providing essential services and emergency shelter operations. The funding is made available through the Shelter Assistance Fund program.

“The grants announced today will have a direct impact on thousands of Iowans in need of assistance and provide many positive ripple effects to communities all throughout Iowa,” said Iowa Finance Authority Executive Director Dave Jamison. “The Iowa Finance Authority is proud to partner with these organizations to support their vital work in serving some of Iowa’s most vulnerable citizens in 79 Iowa counties.”

Shelter Assistance Fund applications are accepted on an annual basis and are judged through a competitive process. The Iowa Finance Authority received 28 eligible applications for the 2015 round requesting more than \$1.2 million in funding. The program is funded with proceeds from the Real Estate Transfer Tax.

A panel of judges scored the applications based on criteria in several categories, including: project design and competition priorities, experience and capacity, community partnerships, performance, budget and grants management.

The Iowa Council on Homelessness reports that 18,810 Iowans experienced homelessness in 2013 and a total of 11,811 were served by a shelter.

*The Iowa Legislature created the Iowa Finance Authority in 1975 to undertake programs to assist in the attainment of housing for low- and moderate-income Iowans. Since then, the Iowa Finance Authority’s role has grown to include nearly 40 affordable housing and water quality programs.*

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Projects awarded Shelter Assistance Funds awards:

**Ames**

Emergency Residence Project

Award: \$29,959

Contact: Vic Moss, 515-232-8075

**Cedar Rapids**

Foundation 2

Award: \$37,428

Contact: Barb Gay, 319-362-1170

Willis Dady Emergency Shelter

Award: \$39,600

Contact: Tim Wilson, 319-804-1566

**Clinton**

Pathway Living Center, Inc.

Award: \$45,000

Contact: Melissa Peterson, 563-242-3687

**Council Bluffs**

New Visions Homeless Services

Award: \$37,500

Contact: Rev. Harry Waller, 712-256-3940

**Des Moines**

Beacon of Life

Award: \$30,000

Contact: Keshia Meissner, 515-244-4713

Catholic Council for Social Concern (Catholic Charities)

Award: \$37,500

Contact: Nancy Galeazzi, 515-244-3761

Family Promise of Greater Des Moines

Award: \$18,000

Contact: Jim Cain, 515-277-7051

Youth Emergency Services & Shelter

Award: \$37,764

Contact: Stephen Quirk, 515-243-7825

**Dubuque**

Opening Doors

Award: \$40,000

Contact: Michelle Brown, 563-582-7480

Dubuque Community YWCA Domestic Violence Program

Award: \$42,500

Contact: Sr. Charla Bulko, 563-588-0048

**Fort Dodge**

Domestic/Sexual Assault Outreach Center

Award: \$40,000

Contact: Connie Harris, 515-955-2273

Fort Dodge Housing Agency

Award: \$35,442

Contact: Barbara Michaels, 515-573-7751

**Iowa City**

Table to Table Food Distribution Network

Award: \$15,000

Contact: Robert Andrlik, 319-337-3400

**Mason City**

Community Kitchen of North Iowa

Award: \$29,250

Contact: Amanda Ragan, 641-424-2316

Northern Lights Alliance for the Homeless

Award: \$32,370

Contact: Jeannie Kingery, 641-380-0047

**Muscatine**

Muscatine Center for Social Action

Award: \$30,000

Contact: Maggie Curry, 563-264-3278

**Oskaloosa**

Crisis Intervention Services

Award: \$45,000

Contact: Nancy Robertson, 641-673-0336

**Sioux City**

Community Action Agency of Siouxland

Award: \$34,121

Contact: Jean Logan, 712-274-1610

Council on Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence

Award: \$42,075

Contact: Margaret Sanders, 712-277-0131

Shesler Hall

Award: \$12,000

Contact: Margaret Armstrong, 712-258-8059

The Salvation Army of Siouxland

Award: \$27,446

Contact: Maj. Von Vandiver, 712-255-8836

**Sioux Center**

Family Crisis Centers of Northwest Iowa

Award: \$47,500

Contact: Shari Kastein, 712-722-4483

**Waterloo**

Community Housing Initiatives

Award: \$14,000

Contact: Mariliegh Fisher, 319-235-3000

The Salvation Army Waterloo/Cedar Falls

Award: \$25,200

Contact: Maj. Jose Tamayo, 319-235-9358

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